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Creating a beautiful, near-zero leaching poolside deck with Porta Cumaru

The Problem

Darryn Wilkie and his family, who live in Langwarrin, not far from the beaches on Mornington Peninsula, recently completed a new in ground pool. They wanted their new poolside deck to be made from hardwood timber. Darryn, who works at Plantmark, values sustainably sourced materials. He wanted a certified timber that would not leach as the pool's design meant the water's edge would be close to the edge of the deck.

"Porta Cumaru was great, there was no splitting using the screws and no wastage. Plus, it didn't leach and no mess around the pool tiles."

Lewis Moran - Co Director, Coolabah Landscapes



The Verdict

Coolabah Landscaping, Pools & Construction was contracted to build the deck. Lewis Moran, Co-Director, was attracted to Porta Cumaru, primarily because of the near-zero leaching claims whilst also offering Class 1 durability. For the Wilkie's deck, he chose to use FSC® certified Porta Cumaru decking boards in 90 x 21mm.

Lewis and his landscape construction team enjoyed working with Porta Cumaru. They found the timber was, "Good, like typical Australian hardwoods. Porta Cumaru was straight and no customisation was needed, which meant no wastage," he said.

The Coolabah team followed Porta's decking installation

instructions, pre-drilling the boards and using countersunk SPAX screws, with "no problems". Lewis added that he valued Porta's pre-oiling option as there was no room to oil the deck at the Langwarrin home.

The job has lived up to all expectations and there have been no ugly leaching stains. Because of its durability, Lewis is now looking to use Porta Cumaru timber again in future projects. Having tested and proven the timber, he is confident in its competitive price, its non-leaching feature and (thanks to his use of TEKOSEAL 4000 end sealer) has not experienced end splitting.